

# WITNESS BIOS

## Panel 1

### **HON. GARY HERBERT** **Governor of the State of Utah**

Gary Richard Herbert is Utah's 17<sup>th</sup> Governor. Prior to becoming governor, he served as Lieutenant Governor under Governor Jon M. Huntsman Jr. for nearly five years, before taking the Oath of Office on Aug. 11, 2009.

Governor Herbert was born in American Fork, Utah, and raised in Orem, Utah. After graduating from Orem High School, Mr. Herbert served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Eastern Atlantic States Mission.

While attending BYU, the Governor met and married Jeanette Snelson, from Springville, Utah. Shortly after their marriage, the Governor joined the Utah National Guard and served for six years as a staff sergeant working with target acquisition, artillery and ground survey.

After his military service, the Governor began a career in the real estate industry, founding Herbert & Associates Realtors, an Orem-based brokerage firm. He and Jeanette also began a child care service, The Kids Connection, which they operated for 23 years.

In 1990, the Governor was appointed to the Utah County Commission. Soon thereafter, he was later elected to the body, which he served for 14 years. During his time as county commissioner, he served as presidents of the Utah Association of Counties and the Utah Association of Realtors, and as a board member of the Provo Orem Chamber of Commerce and Utah Water Conservancy District.

The Governor currently sits on the National Governors Association Health and Human Services standing committee, the Healthcare Reform Task Force, and the newly created Homeland Security Special Committee.

In his inaugural address, Governor Herbert outlined his three main priorities of economic development, public and higher education, and energy development.

Governor and Mrs. Herbert have six children and 10 grandchildren.

## **Panel 2**

### **CONGRESSMAN DEVIN NUNES** **California, 21<sup>st</sup> District**

Rep. Devin Nunes is a Congressman from the agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley of California. He is currently serving in his fourth term in the House of Representatives.

The 21st Congressional District, which includes all of Tulare County and parts of Fresno County, is the most diverse and valuable farm land in the United States. The region consistently ranks first in the nation; both in terms of crop diversity and crop value. It is also the largest milk shed in the world.

Congressman Nunes is a native of Tulare County, where his family has farmed for three generations. Congressman Nunes graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he received a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and a master's degree in agriculture.

In 2001, Nunes was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as California State Director for the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. However, when congressional boundaries were redrawn in 2002, Nunes was afforded a unique opportunity to represent his home town in the House of Representatives.

As a leader in the Republican Conference, Nunes currently serves as an Assistant Republican Whip.

During his tenure in Congress, Nunes has spearheaded many local efforts to bring attention to these challenges. In 2005, he introduced H.R. 99, which designated State Route 99 as a Congressional High Priority Corridor. The bill also provided federal authorization for SR 99 to become part of the national interstate system. The bill became law as part of H.R. 3 in August of 2005.

Nunes has also championed investments in California's water infrastructure system and introduced legislation in 2003 that authorized a feasibility study for a new water reservoir near Temperance Flat in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The feasibility study is scheduled to be completed in 2009.

Devin and his wife Elizabeth have two daughters, Evelyn Rose and Julia Lauren. They live in Tulare, California.

## **CHRIS HORNER**

### **Author and Senior Fellow at Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI)**

Christopher C. Horner serves as a Senior Fellow at CEI. As an attorney in Washington, DC Horner has represented CEI as well as scientists and Members of the U.S. House and Senate on matters of environmental policy in the federal courts including the Supreme Court. He has written on numerous topics in publications ranging from law reviews to legal and industrial trade journals to print and online opinion pages, and is the author of two best-selling books: [Red Hot Lies: How Global Warming Alarmists Use Threats, Fraud and Deception to Keep You Misinformed](#) (Regnery, 2008) and *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Global Warming and Environmentalism* (Regnery, 2007), which spent half of 2007 on the New York Times bestseller list.

Horner has testified before the United States Senate Committees on Foreign Relations and Environment and Public Works, and works on a legal and policy level with numerous think tanks and policy organizations throughout the world. He has given numerous addresses to audiences in the European Parliament in Strasbourg and Brussels, and before policymakers in European capitals including London, Rome, Prague, Copenhagen, Madrid and Warsaw, on topics ranging from rail deregulation and unfunded pension liability to all manner of energy and environment issues. Horner serves on the international law practice group's executive committee for an internationally respected assembly of lawyers, and has provided counsel and work product on other matters including intellectual property, WTO proceedings and treaty law and policy.

Greenpeace has repeatedly targeted Mr. Horner, by stealing his garbage on a weekly basis, issuing press releases announcing with whom he dines and including him in various other hysterical publications including most recently "A Field Guide to Climate Criminals" distributed at the UN climate meeting in Montreal in December 2005.

Mr. Horner has provided legal, policy and political commentary several hundred times each on both television and radio, in the United States, Europe, Canada, and Australia, including scores of visits each on the Fox News Channel, Court TV, MSNBC with repeat visits on The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, BBC, CNN, CNN International, ITN, CBC, Bloomberg and Reuters Television. Mr. Horner has also been a guest on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. He has guest hosted television commentary programs and makes

weekly appearances on and regularly guest hosts nationally and regionally syndicated radio shows in America.

## **WILLIAM L. KOVACS**

### **Senior Vice President, Environment, Technology & Regulatory Affairs- U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

William L. Kovacs provides the overall direction, strategy, and management for the Environment, Technology & Regulatory Affairs Division at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Since coming to the Chamber in March 1998, Kovacs has transformed a small division concentrated on a handful of issues and committee meetings into one of the most significant in the organization. The Environment, Technology & Regulatory Affairs Division initiates and leads multidimensional, national issue campaigns on comprehensive energy legislation, complex environmental rulemakings, telecommunications reform, emerging technologies, and the systematic application of sound science to the federal regulatory process among others.

Kovacs has focused on finding new leadership opportunities for the Chamber. He pioneered the use of cybercasting for Chamber events, recruited and assembled the first science team to work in tandem with policy staff to ensure that federal regulations are based on sound science, formed and chaired the Chamber's Technology Coordinating Group, and helped develop numerous national coalitions in the areas of environment, energy, regulatory affairs, and technology.

Before joining the Chamber, Kovacs was director of worldwide legal affairs for Sunshine Makers, Inc., manufacturer of the Simple Green line of nontoxic cleaning products. Previously, he held the position of partner in several Washington, D.C., law firms where his practice focused on environmental law.

In government service, Kovacs served as vice chairman and chairman of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Board, as chief counsel and staff director for the House Subcommittee on Transportation and Commerce, and as legislative director and counsel for a member of Congress.

During his tenure as chief counsel, Kovacs was the primary counsel on two landmark laws that were enacted in a single session of Congress: the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the primary federal law that regulates solid and hazardous waste; and the Rail Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act, which reorganized the bankrupt Penn Central Railroad into Conrail, the largest corporate reorganization in the United States at that time.

Kovacs is a frequent commentator on national environmental, energy, and regulatory issues that impact the business community. He is regularly quoted in the nation's leading newspapers and appears on talk radio and television as a spokesperson for American business. He is listed in Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law, and Who's Who in Emerging Leaders.

Kovacs has a law degree from the Ohio State University College of Law and a bachelor of science degree from the University of Scranton, magna cum laude.